GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3004
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2004
WELFARE SCHEME FOR CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for education/professional training of child labourers and potential child labourers and for bringing them into the mainstream of the country;

(b) if so, whether any welfare scheme had been launched in the year 2002-03 for the children needing care and patronage;

(c) if so, the total amount allocated for this scheme, during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;

(d) whether the Supreme Court had put a restriction on spending this amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3004 to be answered on 20.12.2004 regarding `Welfare Scheme for Child Labour`

(a): The National Child Labour Project Scheme has been formulated by the Government to rehabilitate children working in hazardous occupations & processes as specified under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. Under this Scheme, special schools are opened for the working children withdrawn from hazardous occupations & processes with the objective of preparing them to join the formal education system. Educational instructions, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend and health-checks are the essential components of the scheme.

(b): The National Child Labour Project Scheme has been revised in the year 2003 to provide for enhanced amount of nutrition per child per day from Rs. 2.50 to Rs. 5.00; a provision for regular and effective health care of the children by a doctor; and a budgetary provision has been made to hire the services of a Master Trainer for each Project for imparting vocational training to the children/teachers in the NCLP schools.

(c): The Budgetary allocation for all the Child Labour Schemes for 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 are Rs. 8010 Lakhs, Rs. 7243 Lakhs and Rs. 9905 Lakhs respectively.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.